

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
ROWAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

June 7, 2010 – 4:00 PM

J. NEWTON COHEN, SR. ROOM

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Present: Carl Ford, Chairman
Chad Mitchell, Vice-Chairman
Jon Barber, Member
Raymond Coltrain, Member
Tina Hall, Member

County Manager Gary Page, Clerk to the Board Carolyn Athey, County Attorney Jay Dees and Finance Director Leslie Heidrick were present.

Chairman Ford convened the meeting at 4:00 pm.

Chairman Ford provided the Invocation and also led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Commissioner Coltrain moved, Commissioner Mitchell seconded and the vote to approve the minutes of the May 17, 2010 Commission Meeting passed unanimously.

CONSIDER ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions to the agenda.

CONSIDER DELETIONS FROM THE AGENDA

There were no deletions from the agenda.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Mitchell moved, Commissioner Coltrain seconded and the vote to approve the agenda passed unanimously.

1. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Barber moved approval of the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mitchell and passed unanimously.

The Consent Agenda consisted of the following:

- A. Set Public Hearing for June 21, 2010 to Consider Incentive Request from "Project BB"
- B. Authorization for Senior Services Department to Submit Applications for Home & Community Care Block Grant, Caregiver Support Program and Title V Senior Employment Program
- C. Award Contract to Carolina Siteworks, Inc for New Convenience Center and Landfill
- D. Authorization for Sheriff's Department to Apply for FY 2010 COPS Hiring Program
- E. Authorization for Sheriff's Department to Apply for Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant
- F. Lease Agreement with William V. Bost for Rowan County Probation Office Space
- G. Renewal of Limited Fixed Base Operator Agreement for Alpha One Air Service, LLC.
- H. Set Public Hearing for June 21, 2010 for Proposed Road Name of Miller Cove Road
- I. Lease Agreement with NC Department of Environment and Natural Resources
- J. Set Public Hearing for June 21, 2010 for Proposed Road Name of File Farm Road

2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Chairman Ford opened the Public Comment Period to entertain comments from any citizens wishing to address the Board. With no one wishing to address the Board, Chairman Ford closed the Public Comment Period. (One individual had signed up to speak but withdrew his name).

3. RECOGNITION OF RETIRING KANNAPOLIS CITY SCHOOLS SUPERINTENDENT DR. JO ANNE BYERLY

Chairman Ford read a Resolution honoring retiring Kannapolis City Schools Superintendent Dr. Jo Anne Byerly. Chairman Ford praised Dr. Byerly for her dedication to education for over forty years.

Chairman Ford called Dr. Byerly forward and she was received by a standing ovation and a round of applause.

Dr. Byerly thanked the Board for its praise and said it had been a privilege to work with so many wonderful people during her career. Dr. Byerly commended

the Board for its support of the children and the school systems in Rowan County and Kannapolis.

Commissioner Coltrain moved, Commissioner Hall seconded and the vote to approve the Resolution as presented passed unanimously.

The Resolution read as follows:

Whereas, the operation of the educational system is judged by the efficiency, dedication and professionalism of its leadership and staff; and

Whereas, such leaders are judged by their intelligence, ability, character, understanding, and commitment to education; and

Whereas, Dr. Jo Anne Byerly has exemplified these qualities for over forty years throughout her career in education, and has earned the admiration and respect of children, her staff, coworkers and parents; and

Whereas, upon her retirement, Dr. Byerly will leave the school system with a legacy of having touched the lives of many children in her devotion to them and through her service as an educator and as Superintendent.

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved that the Rowan County Board of Commissioners commends Dr. Jo Anne Byerly for her distinguished career in education and extends sincere appreciation for her true leadership, accomplishments, and extraordinary sense of public duty

4. DISCUSSION REGARDING SELECTION OF COOPERATIVE EXTENSION DIRECTOR

Dr. Deborah Crandall, Director of the West Central District, NC Cooperative Extension Service stated that an interview committee had met with the candidates regarding the vacant Rowan County Extension Director's position. Dr. Crandall expressed appreciation to County Manager Gary Page and to Chairman Ford for their assistance in conducting the interviews.

Dr. Crandall reported that the first choice applicant was Darrell Blackwelder, who was also currently serving as the interim director. Dr. Crandall recognized Mr. Blackwelder, as well as his wife, Jerri, and staff member Sarah Drake.

Commissioner Mitchell moved, Commissioner Barber seconded and the vote to accept the recommendation for Darrell Blackwelder to serve as Rowan County's Extension Director passed unanimously.

A round of applause followed the announcement.

5. PUBLIC HEARING FOR CHANGE OF ADDRESS CURRENTLY IDENTIFIED AS E. NC 152 HWY

Planning Technician Fredda Greer said the property owner of Tax Parcel 423A047 had contacted staff to advise that recent remodeling work to their home had made the entrance to the home off Correll Farm Road rather than East NC

152 Highway. Staff recommended approval of the property owner's request to change the address to reflect the driveway entrance.

Chairman Ford opened the public hearing to entertain comments regarding the proposed address change. With no one wishing to address the Board, Chairman Ford closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Mitchell moved, Commissioner Coltrain seconded and the vote to approve the address change as requested passed unanimously.

6. PUBLIC HEARING FOR Z 02-10

Senior Planner Shane Stewart presented a power point presentation and the background information regarding Z 02-10 and said in May of 2002, the Board initiated the rezoning of several hundred acres along Long Ferry Road from the intersection of Goodman Lake/Leonard Road to its termination at High Rock Lake due to concerns from area residents over potential incompatible uses. The Board rezoned the remaining stick-built subdivisions from Rural Agricultural (RA) to Residential Suburban (RS) and applied an Agricultural Overlay (AO) to existing RA zoned property surrounding the Anchor Downs subdivision after the Mary Lambe Heirs (majority ownership in request) expressed a desire to retain the RA zone since some of the property was being farmed and the family did not have plans for development.

Mr. Stewart said within the area immediately adjacent to Anchor Downs, an AO was applied to the Mary Lambe Heirs property totaling 230 acres and 25 other parcels totaling 33 acres. The AO satisfied concerns from area residents by prohibiting the creation of new non-family lots that could be developed with manufactured housing while maintaining the underlying RA zone.

Mr. Stewart said in February of 2005, the Lambe Heirs requested the rezoning of their 230 acres from RA-AO to RS to establish the Lakeside Farms subdivision. Mr. Todd Kidd also requested to rezone his 1.45-acre parcel the same. The resulting Rowan-Salisbury Schools district formed a perimeter around the 25 parcels referenced above. Two additional rezoning requests to RS for 4 parcels totaling 12 acres have since been approved.

Mr. Stewart said under the current request, a total of 27 parcels would be zoned as follows: 5 parcels from RA to RS and 22 parcels from RA-AO to RS.

Chairman Ford opened the public hearing to entertain comments from any citizens wishing to address the Board. With no one coming forward, Chairman Ford closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Mitchell moved approval of the Statement of Consistency. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Barber and passed unanimously.

The Statement of Consistency read as follows:

1. The proposed rezoning appears to be logical since the surrounding properties are zoned RS and by removing the agricultural overlay, would protect the surrounding neighborhoods from incompatible land uses.
2. The proposed zoning appears to be consistent with the zoning district's purpose and intent.
3. It doesn't appear that the proposed rezoning would impact services such as utilities, roads and schools facilities.

Commissioner Barber moved, Commissioner Coltrain seconded and the vote to grant Z 02-10 passed unanimously.

7. DISCUSSION REGARDING LEGAL COUNSEL FOR DCBI APPLICATION

Chairman Ford said Gig Hilton had submitted an application for a broadcast tower on May 26, 2010 and the Board should decide whether to hire legal counsel on the matter. Chairman Ford said Anthony Fox from the firm of Parker Poe in Charlotte had previously represented the County on the same issue. Chairman Ford said the hourly rate to retain Mr. Fox for the new application was almost \$300 per hour.

Commissioner Barber moved to accept the proposal from Parker Poe with Anthony Fox representing Rowan County.

Commissioner Mitchell said the County should wait as long as possible before bringing in counsel. Commissioner Mitchell said it had proven beneficial for the County to retain Mr. Fox in the past. Commissioner Mitchell said no matter what the decision on the case would be, the issue would be litigated.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hall and passed unanimously.

8. DISCUSSION REGARDING JULY MEETING SCHEDULE

Chairman Ford opened the floor for discussion regarding the Board's meeting schedule for the month of July.

Commissioner Mitchell moved to cancel the July 5, 2010 Commission Meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Barber and passed unanimously.

9. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF SURVEY FOR NEW CABARRUS AND ROWAN COUNTY LINES

County Attorney Jay Dees reported that Rowan County GIS maps recognized one boundary line between Cabarrus and Rowan counties. Mr. Dees said Cabarrus County GIS maps recognized a different line. Mr. Dees said there were "bits and pieces" of survey work that reflected yet a third boundary line.

Mr. Dees explained that a property owner wanted to develop their property; however, neither Cabarrus nor Rowan counties recognized the property as being in their jurisdiction.

Mr. Dees said the first step in determining where the boundary lines were, would be approval of the Resolution in the agenda packets seeking assistance of the North Carolina Geodetic Survey division to help establish the location of the county line in common with and adjacent to Cabarrus County.

Commissioner Coltrain moved, Commissioner Barber seconded and the vote to approve the Resolution as presented passed unanimously.

The Resolution read as follows:

WHEREAS, some uncertainty exists or has existed as to the precise location of the boundary, at certain places, between Rowan and Cabarrus Counties; and

WHEREAS, Cabarrus County has previously requested the assistance of the North Carolina Geodetic Survey division (State) to survey and help establish the location of said county line common with and adjacent to Rowan County pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes Section 153A-18; and

WHEREAS, it is apparent that the GIS departments of each county currently recognize a county line that is not a common and consistent line and certain difficulties have arisen as to application of zoning and taxing jurisdiction by each county for these parcels or tracts; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes Section 153A-18, Rowan and Cabarrus Counties may cause the boundary to be surveyed, marked and mapped, and may request the assistance of the State to accomplish such; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes Section 153A-18, Rowan and Cabarrus Counties may appoint special commissioners to supervise surveying, marking, mapping, and to act as liaison between Rowan and Cabarrus Counties and the State.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Rowan County Board of Commissioners does hereby respectfully request the assistance of the North Carolina Geodetic Survey Division to survey, mark or otherwise map the common boundary line between Rowan and Cabarrus Counties.

10. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Finance Director Leslie Heidrick presented the following budget amendments for the Board's consideration:

- Emergency Services – Move donation monies to expense line in order to use for EMS Week expenses - \$354
- Finance – Revise fire department budget to allow for increased collections - \$19,960
- Finance – Budget funds to pay for discoveries by Turner Business Appraisers - \$26,500

- Library – Additional monies from Smart Start for Stories to Go Program - \$1,300
- Parks & Recreation – Move funds from Senior Games Donation Account to cover cost of team fees for the NC Senior Games State Finals - \$1,200
- Senior Services/Title V – Budget additional Title V Grant revenues and expenditures - \$22,542
- Social Services – Record donations received to bring expenditure and revenue accounts into line with funds that have been deposited - \$985

Commissioner Mitchell moved approval of the budget amendments as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Barber and passed unanimously.

11. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Commissioner Barber commented that there were 12 different boards for which the Commissioners would be considering new appointments or reappointments. Commissioner Barber suggested that beginning in July, the Board should review the percentage of meetings attended by those requesting reappointment.

Chairman Ford agreed with Commissioner Barber that attendance records should be reviewed for applicants requesting reappointment.

Commissioner Barber moved, Commissioner Coltrain seconded and the vote to start reviewing attendance records for board reappointments, beginning July 1, 2010, passed unanimously.

ROWAN COUNTY TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Paul Steven Hall (Hotel/Motel Accommodations) and Kelly Alexander (At Large) submitted applications for reappointment. The terms would be for two (2) years beginning July 1, 2010 and expiring June 30, 2012.

Bob Fallis' (At Large) term ends June 30, 2010 and he does not wish to be reappointed. Andrew Waters submitted an application to fill the vacancy. The term would be for two (2) years beginning July 1, 2010 and expiring June 30, 2012.

Commissioner Mitchell nominated Hall, Alexander and Waters and the nomination passed unanimously.

CENTRALINA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Pam Cordts and Heidi Whitesell's terms end June 30, 2010 and neither wished to be reappointed.

Mike Beaver submitted an application for consideration. The term would be for two (2) years beginning July 1, 2010 and expiring June 30, 2012.

Commissioner Mitchell nominated Mike Beaver and the nomination passed unanimously.

CITY OF KANNAPOLIS BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

The City of Kannapolis requested the appointment of Conrad Sloop to the Board of Adjustment. The term would be for three (3) years beginning July 1, 2010 and expiring June 30, 2013.

Commissioner Barber nominated Conrad Sloop and the nomination passed unanimously.

SOCIAL SERVICES BOARD

Jim Sides submitted an application for reappointment. The term would be for three (3) years beginning July 1, 2010 and expiring June 30, 2013.

Commissioner Hall nominated Jim Sides and the nomination passed unanimously.

JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL (JCPC)

Troy Russell submitted an application for reappointment. The term would be for two (2) years beginning July 1, 2010 and expiring June 30, 2012.

As a matter of housekeeping, the following JCPC members should have two (2) year terms beginning July 1, 2010 and expiring June 30, 2012:

- Phyllis Cornelison- Parks and Recreation representative
- Rory Collins- Salisbury Police Chief
- Bob Lippard- United Way representative

Commissioner Mitchell nominated Troy Russell for reappointment. The nomination carried unanimously.

Commissioner Mitchell moved to fix the terms for Phyllis Cornelison, Rory Collins and Bob Lippard to begin July 1, 2010 and expire June 30, 2012. The motion passed unanimously.

REGION F AGING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Dot Hauss and Manie Richardson submitted applications for reappointment. The terms would be for two (2) years beginning July 1, 2010 and expiring June 30, 2012.

Leah McFee submitted an application for reappointment as an alternate. The term would be for one (1) year beginning July 1, 2010 and expiring June 30, 2011.

Commissioner Mitchell nominated Dot Hauss and Manie Richardson for reappointment. The nomination carried unanimously.

Commissioner Mitchell nominated Leah McFee for reappointment as an alternate and the nomination passed unanimously.

CHARLOTTE REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP BOARD

Steve Fisher has submitted an application for reappointment. In order to reappoint Mr. Fisher, the Board would need to waive the term limits set by the Board in the Resolution in September 2009. (The term limit was waived in 2008 and 2009).

Due to having previously waived the term limits for Mr. Fisher, Chairman Ford said he would move to table the appointment in order to try to get someone else to serve.

Commissioner Coltrain said based on the letter from Economic Development Director Robert Van Geons, Mr. Fisher's involvement was a leadership role with the organization, which protected the County's interests.

Commissioner Coltrain moved to waive the term limits so he (Mr. Fisher) can continue to serve for the County's benefit.

Commissioner Hall questioned making the appointment based on a previous discussion by the Board as to whether the County should continue its membership with the Charlotte Regional Partnership.

Chairman Ford responded that the funding decision had not been made and felt the appointment should be tabled.

Chairman Ford referred to his original motion to table the appointment to the first meeting in July for two reasons, (1) to look into Mr. Fisher and to see if there is anyone else interested; and (2) to see if this is still going to be a part of our budget. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hall.

Commissioner Mitchell said he supported the appointment of Mr. Fisher and if the Board chose not to fund the organization, the nomination would not be accepted anyway.

Commissioner Barber said Mr. Fisher had served the County very well and built some strong relationships. Commissioner Barber preferred not to start over with another applicant.

Upon being put to a vote the motion to table the discussion failed 2-3 with Commissioners Mitchell, Barber and Coltrain dissenting.

Commissioner Mitchell then seconded the motion made by Commissioner Coltrain to waive the term limits for Mr. Fisher. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Barber seconded the motion made by Commissioner Coltrain for Mr. Fisher to continue to serve on the Charlotte Regional Partnership Board. The motion passed unanimously.

SALISBURY-ROWAN HUMAN RELATIONS COUNCIL

Jeffrey Cox submitted his resignation due to scheduling conflicts. (See Commissioner Mitchell's motion, which is stated under the Rowan Transit System Advisory Committee appointments, to accept Mr. Cox's resignation).

John Mitchell has submitted an application for consideration. Mr. Mitchell would complete Mr. Cox's term, which expires February 28, 2011.

Commissioner Coltrain nominated John Mitchell and the nomination carried unanimously.

ROWAN CABARRUS COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The RCCC Board of Trustees recommended the appointment of one (1) of the following applicants:

- Nancy Bilson – reappointment
- Diane Greene
- Tony Almeida

The term would be for four (4) years beginning July 1, 2010, expiring June 30, 2014.

Chairman Ford said the Commissioners had just received information that Tony Almeida had withdrawn his application.

Commissioner Coltrain nominated Nancy Bilson.

Commissioner Hall nominated Diane Greene.

The nomination for Nancy Bilson failed 2-3 with Commissioners Mitchell, Ford and Hall dissenting.

The nomination for Diane Greene passed 3-2 with Commissioners Barber and Coltrain dissenting.

SALISBURY-ROWAN COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY

Bill Godair submitted an application for reappointment. The term would be for two (2) years beginning April 1, 2010 and expire March 31, 2012.

Commissioner Barber nominated Bill Godair and the nomination passed unanimously.

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

The LEPC recommended the appointment of Tom Collins to replace the Southern Power Corporation representative Tony Tatum. There are no term limitations for this committee.

Commissioner Mitchell nominated Tom Collins and the nomination carried unanimously.

ROWAN TRANSIT SYSTEM ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RTS)

The RTS Committee submitted Bylaws for the Board's approval. The Bylaws included recommended term dates for all members and increased the membership total to twelve (12). If approved, the recommended terms would amend all previous terms.

The bylaws recommended the following individuals' terms expire June 30, 2011:

- Kimberly M. Miller – Rowan County DSS
- Patrick Foley – Genesis Elder Care

The bylaws recommended the following individuals' terms expire June 30, 2012:

- Renita Ritchie – Rowan County Therapeutic Recreation Division
- Barbara Garwood – Abundant Living Adult Day Services
- Rodney Harrison- Salisbury Transit Division

The bylaws recommended the following individuals' terms expire June 30, 2013:

- Jane Peeler – Public Rider
- Tammy Lemmone – Rowan Vocational Opportunities
- Steve Joslin - Rowan County Health Department

The following individuals were recommended to serve as non-voting ex-officio members:

- Clyde Fahnestock- Rowan County Senior Services
- Leslie Heidrick – Rowan County Finance Office
- County Commissioner

Commissioner Mitchell move approval of all recommended terms. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Barber and passed unanimously.

Commissioner Barber offered to serve as the ex-officio member and Chairman Ford stated the County Commissioner that would serve in this capacity would be determined at a later date.

Commissioner Mitchell moved, Commissioner Barber seconded and the vote to accept Jeffrey Cox's resignation from the Salisbury Human Relations Council passed unanimously.

Chairman Ford called for a recess at 4:36 pm.

Chairman Ford reconvened the meeting at 6:00 pm.

12. PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED FY 2010-11 BUDGET

Chairman Ford opened the public hearing to entertain comments from those wishing to address the Board regarding the proposed FY 2010-11 budget. The following individuals came forward:

- Carl “Chip” Short, a member of the Board of Trustees for Rowan Cabarrus Community College (RCCC) discussed the growth and needs of the college.
- Elana Miles, Student Government Association President of RCCC, discussed the needs of the college and asked the Commissioners for funding to meet those needs.
- Dr. Carol Spalding, President of RCCC, discussed the responsibility of the County to fund the college’s facilities and infrastructure. Dr. Spalding said she looked forward to making a presentation to the Board on June 14, 2010 regarding the college’s needs.
- Patty Overcash, Rowan-Salisbury PTA Council President, asked the Commissioners and the Board of Education (BOE) to meet halfway regarding the school system’s request for \$3.3 in additional funds.
- Dr. Jim Emerson, Chairman of the BOE, asked the Commissioners to meet the BOE halfway regarding the school system’s request for \$3.3 million in additional funds.
- Larry Wright said the BOE should reduce its administrative costs and use its fund balance to pay for its needs. Mr. Wright also suggested dropping the funding for some of the non-profit agencies.
- Carlyle Sherrill asked the Board to adequately fund the education system, or to at least meet the BOE halfway with its funding request.
- Rob Ramsay discussed adding additional funds to the educational system and also questioned several of the budget recommendations.
- Patricia Hedenskoy, President of Granite Quarry Elementary School PTA asked the Board to continue to invest in the children.
- Lea Anne Thomas, Principal of Mt. Ulla Elementary, asked the Board to meet the BOE halfway with its funding request.
- Don Coggins asked the Board to meet the BOE halfway with its funding request.
- Corinne Mauldin asked the Board to keep the funds in the schools for the children.
- Whitney Young said education should be considered the top priority and teaching positions should not be cut.
- Chris Bradshaw spoke in support of the proposed reorganization for the inspection department.
- Thomas Baudoin spoke in support of the proposed reorganization for the inspection department.
- Becky Kepley Lee, RSSS Principal of the Year, asked the Board to provide RSSS with the needed funding.

- Suzanna Callahan felt it would be a disservice if the Board did not follow through with its promise for a well-rounded education for all children.
- Shonda Hairston, Principal of Knollwood Elementary, asked the Board to meet the BOE halfway with its funding request.
- Joy Jenkins, Northwest Regional Teacher of the Year, spoke in support of the school system and the children.
- David Garneau discussed inspection issues he had encountered and he encouraged the County to be more business friendly.
- Laurie Chilleli, teacher at China Grove Middle School, encouraged the Board to meet the BOE halfway regarding its funding request.

Chairman Ford called for a recess at 7:00 pm.

Chairman Ford reconvened the meeting at 7:10 pm.

- Bill Cannon discussed the maintenance services provided at the Rowan County Airport and asked that the maintenance services be allowed to continue, as well as retaining the maintenance employees.
- Wayne Bradshaw discussed the inspection department/zoning issues and also mentioned a list he had obtained of businesses that would like to open in Rowan County.
- Abby Blume, fifth grader at Landis Elementary, discussed her friends and the special classes offered at school, such as art and music. Ms. Blume talked about the importance of providing for the schools and the fact that all children want a bright future.
- Brenda Suzanne Gariepyrass asked the Board to meet the BOE halfway with its funding request.
- Linda Hensley discussed her grandson's education and encouraged the Board to start cutting its budget and staff.
- Matthew, a third grader at Millbridge Elementary, said the money for teachers was priceless and he asked the Board to cut other areas of the budget without cutting the education of children.
- Pete Teague, Chairman of Rowan Partners for Education, asked the Board to meet the BOE halfway with its funding request.
- Bryce Beard, member of the BOE, mentioned the importance of everyone working together for betterment of the community. Mr. Beard discussed frustrations with the County's codes enforcement.
- Gayla Woody, Program Administrator for Centralina Council of Government (CCOG) discussed the importance of senior centers and highlighted the funding opportunities to the County due to its membership with CCOG.
- Al Sharp, Executive Director of CCOG, encouraged the Board to reconsider its decision to withdraw from CCOG and to remain a member of the organization.
- Rodney Queen, a builder/developer, praised the staff at the inspection department and spoke in support of the work they perform.

- Manie Richardson, an appointed member of the Senior Services Advisory Council, encouraged the Board to continue its association with CCOG.

Chairman Ford said the Board would be discussing the proposed budget at a work session scheduled for June 14, 2010.

Commissioner Coltrain expressed appreciation for those in attendance and said the Board would do the best job possible in making the right decisions for everyone.

Commissioner Barber thanked everyone in attendance and expressed appreciation to all involved in the school system. Commissioner Barber felt the Board should meet the BOE halfway with its \$3.3 million budget request. Commissioner Barber expressed concern with the more difficult decisions the Board would make the next budget year.

Commissioner Hall also expressed appreciation to those in attendance. Commissioner Hall explained that the Commissioners were not cutting the school system's funds and that the cuts were coming from Raleigh.

Commissioner Mitchell said the two (2) children that had addressed the Board during the public hearing had made the school system proud. Commissioner Mitchell applauded the children for focusing on the essentials for education. Commissioner Mitchell, also a school teacher, said he was willing to forego his own step increase in order to help keep teaching jobs. Commissioner Mitchell concluded by saying a message must be sent to the state that counties could not continue to bear its load.

Chairman Ford expressed his disappointment with the Governor's budget recommendations and said he would like to see those in the audience go to Raleigh to be heard, as well. Chairman Ford referred to the issues with the inspection department and said the County Manager was trying to rectify the problem.

13. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Barber moved to adjourn at 8:00 pm. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mitchell and passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carolyn Athey, CMC, NCCCC
Clerk to the Board/Assistant to the County Manager